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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 December 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/9/08
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Inventor's Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 12/19/2008 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-11 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 5,953,481 by Watanabe et al.
2. Regarding **claim 1**, an imaging device configured to output imaging data that is obtained by imaging of an object, the imaging device comprising:

- Imaging means for imaging data (fig. 2 (31));
- communication means for communicating the imaging data (fig. 3, 6 (111j))
- control means for recognizing a controlled state of an external recording device when a communication is enabled with the recording device through the communication means conforming to a predetermined transmission method (fig. 3 (2, 13), fig. 6 (115));
- and input means operable to instruct the recording device to execute an application needed for a recording operation obtained by controlling the recording device (fig. 3 (3, 12), fig. 6 (111, 119)), wherein
- wherein, when the application is executed as a function of a command issued by the imaging device, only a command for a termination of the application is allowed and every other command is disabled (fig. 3, 6, col. 8 lines 60-col. 9 lines 12, col. 11 lines 27-34, col. 12 lines 33-59, a remote control for controlling power supply, pause state for stop recording, fast feeding, rewinding, start recording button/stop recording, etc. Remote control allows the recording device to execute an application needed for recording and any type of command issue from the remote control, only that command is allow and other command is disabled. For example, if recording button is depressed, only recording button will be working and other button will be disabled; if power supply button is depressed for

turning off, only that button will allow to work, other button will be disabled), and

- the recording device records the imaging data that has been obtained through the communication means based on the application executed by means of the input means (fig. 3 (11), 6 (120), col. 8 lines 60-col. 9 lines 12).

3. Regarding **claim 2**, the imaging device further comprising display means for displaying the progress of an application needed for a recording operation obtained by controlling the recording device (fig. 5 (7), 7, col. 13 lines 13-60).

4. Regarding **claim 3**, the imaging device wherein, when communications are enabled with a plurality of the recording devices through the communication means connected respectively to the recording devices, the control means selects the specific recording device as a communication target on the basis of unique node IDs assigned respectively to the communication means, and refuses to communicate with the other recording devices than the selected recording device (fig. 3 (1, 11), 6 (117, 120), col. 7 lines 66-67, col. 8 lines 60-col. 9 lines 12, col. 12 lines 5-6, 10-18).

5. **Claim 4** is rejected for the same reason as discussed in the corresponding claim 1 above.

6. **Claim 5** is rejected for the same reason as discussed in the corresponding claim 2 above.
7. **Claim 6** is rejected for the same reason as discussed in the corresponding claim 3 above.
8. **Claim 7** is rejected for the same reason as discussed in the corresponding claim 3 above.
9. **Claim 8** is rejected for the same reason as discussed in the corresponding claim 1 above.
10. Regarding **claim 9**, the imaging device wherein the communication means is connected outside of the imaging device (fig. 2 (212)).
11. **Claim 10** is rejected for the same reason as discussed in the corresponding claim 9 above.
12. **Claim 11** is rejected for the same reason as discussed in the corresponding claim 9 above.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NIGAR CHOWDHURY whose telephone number is (571)272-8890. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 AM - 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thai Tran can be reached on 571-272-7382. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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